



# AIR GUARDIAN

## *A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child*

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Maj. Tom Cobaugh, a 176th Wing maintenance officer deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, started a trend here, giving candy to the local Afghani children who attend a bazaar that is outside of the base. He is sharing American goodies with a local boy who enjoys the kind gesture.

(Lower left) AN NASIRYAH, Iraq — Master Sgt. Judith Lutz holds a child at an orphanage here Aug. 26. Lutz is deployed to nearby Tallil Air Base supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Airmen and soldiers from the base go to the orphanage regularly to visit with the children, as well as give them clothes and toys.

(Lower right) AN NASIRYAH, Iraq — Master Sgt. Sylvia Goodwin fixes the hair of a child at an orphanage here Aug. 26. Goodwin is deployed to nearby Tallil Air Base supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Master Sgt. Kenneth VelezU.S. Air Force photo  
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U.S. Air Force photo  
Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Haggerty

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Airmen around the world mourn the loss of Bob Hope, the only American ever to be made an honorary Veteran of America's Armed Forces. He was 100. In this photo, Hope entertains the troops with a 10-minute monologue in 1990 after a ceremony to rename the Thunderbird Theater here as the Bob Hope Performing Arts Center. The ceremony honored Hope's 50 years of entertaining American armed forces around the world. Hope called the troops his "best friends" and made it his mission to be with them wherever they served, regardless of distance or danger. His final tour, at age 90, took him to the Persian Gulf and the men and women of Operation Desert Storm.

## Air Force space power is key

One of the AF's objectives is to use **space power** to apply the right effects to achieve battlespace dominance.

### Space capabilities

**Elevate** our asymmetric advantage over any adversary.

**Guarantee** America's global vigilance, reach and power, establishing powerful national mechanisms to assure, dissuade, deter or defeat.

**Enable** the kind of warfighting that was so successful in OIF.

**GPS navigation signal**, used by sensors and shooters, is key to precision engagement, assisting in targeting the enemy with pinpoint accuracy.

**Transforming space-based ISR** into a horizontally integrated capability that complements air, land and sea assets is a critical enabler of the joint force.

**Maintaining and developing space superiority** is critical to transforming the US military so that it can meet the challenges ahead.

### Senior Leaders are saying

*In Iraq, we did a great job of integrating space professionals at the strategic, operational and tactical levels. This superb performance is a result of how well we've done in integrating air and space operations into the campaign plan.* (SECAF, July 2003)



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### Ideas that work

Read SECAF's speech on '**Integrating Space into Joint Warfighting: Continuing the March**' at [www.af.mil/news/speech/current/sph2003\\_25.html](http://www.af.mil/news/speech/current/sph2003_25.html)

Fuel Your Future

## Who do you know?

**The 176th Wing needs your help filling our 150 unit vacancies!**

- We have a 90% success rate enlisting referrals from Guard members!
- Without your referrals, our recruiters process 30 packages for one successful enlistment.

**Who do you know that will enjoy the education, benefits, and pride of serving our state and nation?**

**Recruiters: 249-1282  
or 800-642-6228**

## Do you have news to share?

We welcome articles and captioned photos relevant to members of the 176th Wing. Submissions must be accurate in fact, and will be edited for clarity and length. Articles will be published as space permits. Submissions are due on Sunday of the UTA prior to the month the article will be published.

Submit articles as Microsoft Word attachments via e-mail. Photographs must be 300 dpi TIF or JPG images, also submitted as attachments via e-mail. Please send to both:  
candis.olmstead@akanch.ang.af.mil and  
john.callahan@akanch.ang.af.mil.

We may be contacted at (907) 249-1342. The office is manned with Traditional Guardsmen, so please leave a message.

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# Changing Times for the 176th Wing

By Maj. Edie Grunwald  
Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

A ceremony commemorating the 176th Wing's transition to the new Air Force Combat Wing Organization will be held Sept. 6 at 3 p.m. in the new Hangar 4, Bldg. 46.

This change is directed by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to posture us to further enhance the way we produce and deliver air and space power in the future. More than a decade of significant changes — along with the transition to the Expeditionary Aerospace Force construct — have highlighted the need to restructure. The organizational structure changes will improve the combat readiness of the Expe-



ditionary Aerospace Force. The restructuring will help the career development, training, and productivity of our personnel by sharpening their focus on core capabilities.

## **Bottom line: Improved combat capability**

The Support Group is now the Mission Support Group. The Logistics Group is now the Maintenance Group. Aerial Port Flight moves to the Mission Support Group. The new Logistics Readiness Squadron moves to the Mission Support Group. The Logistics Plans section moves to the Logistics Readiness Squadron. Contracting moves to the Mission Support Group. The Phase/ISO Docs move to the Maintenance Squadron. The Aircraft Generation Squadron redesignates as the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

## This is for you, "Kulis Kids!"

Have you ever wondered why your family member has to deploy? Have you ever wondered if other "Kulis Kids" have the same questions, concerns and problems that you have? Would you like to be involved in planning youth activities with other "Kulis Kids" while your family member is deployed? Would you like to have some of these questions answered and get to know other "Kulis Kids?"

If you answered YES, then you may be interested in attending the next Youth Deployment Briefing. These briefings will be held as the need arises for children of members who are preparing to deploy. The youth briefings will start together as one group, then be split into three age groups for separate activities: 13 and older, 8-12 years old, and 7 and younger. Every age group will be involved in a question-and-answer session, and the teens will have the opportunity to exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Plan on attending for *food, fun and information!* For more information, please contact Kimberly Welborn, the 210th RQS Civilian Family Programs Representative at 522-1339 or by e-mail at [goalieomom@alaska.com](mailto:goalieomom@alaska.com).

## Williams retires after 37 years

Brig. Gen. Van Williams Jr., most recently assistant adjutant general for Air and commander of the Alaska Air National Guard, received recognition and honors in a retirement ceremony Aug. 3. More than one thousand members of the Alaska Air National Guard gathered to celebrate Williams' 37-year career in the military.

In the position he retired from, his responsibilities included articulating a vision, setting goals and objectives, developing leaders, and providing a healthy and equitable environment for people to work. He oversaw the recruiting, retention, and training of over 2,150 Air Guard members in two flying wings equipped with 8 airlift C-130H, 4 rescue HC-130H (N), 6 res-

cue HH-60, and 8 KC-135R aircraft for in-state and worldwide deployment.

General Williams enlisted in the Air Force in June 1966 and served on active duty until April 1970, which included a tour in the Republic of Vietnam. He joined the Air National Guard that year. In 1973, he graduated from the Academy of Military Science as a distinguished graduate and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He transferred to Kulis ANG Base, in 1981. He was commander of both the 176th Wing and 168th Air Refueling Wing in the Alaska Air National Guard prior to being assigned to his latest position. He is a command pilot with more than 6,000 flying hours.

## Worth Repeating

"While we have achieved much in Afghanistan and Iraq, the road to the future is paved with uncertainty, and our nation must be prepared to meet the challenges which will emerge. Yet, the brave airmen who stand before us today — and those they represent throughout this command — give us confidence that America will prevail in the fight against terrorism and those who oppose our cherished freedoms."

— Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, during remarks to the Air Force Special Operations Command Awards Ceremony, Hurlburt Field, Fla., July 3.

## Promotions

Effective between June and August 2003

### Colonel

Alan J. Barber 176 LG

### Lieutenant Colonel

Mark A. Hedlund 176 OG  
Erik M. Ohlfs 210 RQS  
Phillip L. Resseguie 176 WG  
Anthony D. Stratton 176 WG

### Senior Master Sergeant

Daniel P. Anderson 176 AGS  
Robert L. Kopp 176 ACS

### Master Sergeant

Troy H. Civitillo 176 CES  
Douglas Echternacht 144 AS  
Crystal L. Garris 176 MSF  
Karl F. Heidelberg 176 ACS  
Bryan K. Morberg 176 SFS  
Anthony C. Rollins 210 RQS  
Terry L. Smith 176 ACS  
Joseph H. Snyder 210 RQS  
Stephen G. Weyrick 176 ACS

### Technical Sergeant

Ronald E. Anderson 176 MXS  
Jennifer A. Dooley 176 WG  
Kenneth W. Hardwick 176 LRS  
Lisa R. Vincent 176 ACS  
Eric M. Welling 176 WG  
William B. Yockell Jr. 206 CBCS

### Staff Sergeant

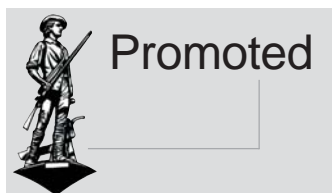
Angel J. Gurtler 176 LRS  
Kevin L. Guthrie 176 MXS  
Patrick M. Hewlett 176 LSF  
Kirk D. Hopingardner 176 SFS  
Bethany M. Ordway 176 OSF  
Kaleo A. Vicente 176 SFS

### Senior Airman

Kyle G. Coffman 176 AMXX  
John P. Brummer 176 MXS  
Bryan C. Lance 176 AMXS  
Joshua C. Lester 176 APF  
Eric W. McQueary 176 APF  
Kayla J. Tomlinson 176 MXS  
Jose R. Torres 176 MXS  
Jesse I. Stuart 176 MXMF

### Airman

Archie L. Card 176 SFS



### Logistics Group commander newest colonel

Col. Alan Barber, 176th Logistics Group Commander, was promoted July 17. Here, he kneels patiently as his two sons, Thomas and James, dress him with new epaulets displaying the colonel's eagles that so proudly represent the rank affectionately referred to as "full bird."



Senior Master Sgt. Paul Charron

### Traditional Senior Master Sgt. vacancy on wing staff

The wing has a Traditional Guardsman vacancy in the Human Resource Advisor office. The position grade is senior master sergeant.

Interested personnel need to contact Vice Wing Commander Col. Jack Scroggs via email no later than September 7. His email address is: jack.scroggs@akanch.ang.af.mil.

All candidates will interview with Col. Scroggs.



### The combat dining in has been cancelled.

If you have tickets that need to be refunded, please see the person you purchased your tickets from. If you have any questions, please call Master Sgt. Lynn Mayer at ext. 1239.

## Chapel Services

Nondenominational Protestant service: 2 p.m. on Sunday of drill; in the multi-purpose room in Bldg. 37



## What's for lunch?

### Saturday

#### Holiday Meal (Happy Birthday, Air Force!)

Shrimp Cocktail  
Grilled ribeye steak  
Cheese stuffed chicken breast  
Twice baked potatoes, buttered noodles  
Cheese broccoli, corn on the cob  
French onion soup  
Pound cake and strawberry topping  
Assorted candy, ginger snaps, apple pie  
Cornbread, dinner rolls, salad bar, ceasar

### Sunday

Tuna casserole, baked porkchops  
Scalloped potatoes, rice  
Green beans with mushrooms, beets  
Chicken noodle soup  
Cheesecake, peach pie, snickerdoodle cookies  
Dinner rolls, salad bar  
or Snack Line

## Alaska Air National Guard has new commander

By Capt. Paulette Goodwin  
168th Air Refueling Wing  
Executive Officer

**EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska** — Brig. Gen. (select) Timothy Scott took command of the Alaska Air National Guard during an Assumption of Command Ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Governor Frank Murkowski approved Alaska Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Craig E. Campbell's selection of Scott as the Alaska Air National Guard's new commander.

Scott is a master navigator with over 4,800 flying hours. Most recently during his assignment as the 168th Air Refueling Wing Commander, he served as the wing commander for the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and the commander for the 384 AEW, Shaikh Isa, Bahrain in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Special Reminder

*All military members must have new id. before Oct. 1*

All active duty, Reservists and Guardsmen must get a new ID card (Common Access Card) before Oct. 1.

Retirees and dependents will not receive the Common Access Card, but will continue to use the current form of military id.

Sign up on the Y:drive under ID cards to schedule an appointment at Kulis from now until Sept. 30.



## You should Know...

### Pay for drill meals if 'Active'

If you are on any type of active duty order during a UTA, you must purchase your lunch meal from the dining facility. Meals are only provided with no charge to enlisted members on drill status.

### PFD deadline extended

A new Alaska State Law, effective June 12, changed allowable absence days for military members and extended the Permanent Fund Dividend application filing period through September 15 for those affected by the change. The law applies to the military member's spouse and dependents as well.

For more information: In-state — 800-733-8813 or out-of-state — 907-465-2326, or online at: [www.pfd.state.ak.us](http://www.pfd.state.ak.us).



## Duty Calls

### Upcoming UTA dates

Month:	UTA:	Pay date:
September	6 - 7	15th
October	18 - 19	29th
November	1 - 2	12th



# Deployed members missing cool Alaskan weather

By Maj. Tom Coughlin  
59 ERQS (Deployed) Maintenance Officer

"Hot enough for ya?" might be the new rallying cry for some members of the 176th Wing stationed at Kandahar, Afghanistan (K-1) and Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan (K-2).

"As a unit we deal with various aspects of the weather all the time, but it is usually the cold. This is a different twist," commented one member stationed at K-1. The heat is challenging to the men (and women) and machines at both locations.

It caused the guys at K-2 to become innovative. They were having problems with the color radar almost every day. Tech. Sgt. Dave Sholl had the idea to manufacture a reflective cover for the nose of the aircraft. Tech. Sgt. T. Stanbro fabricated the cover.

"Just putting that cover over the nose dropped the temperature inside by 20 degrees. We haven't had another problem with the color radar since," reported Chief John Savina. Proving again that "necessity is the mother of invention."

It took a couple of weeks for personnel to get acclimated to the heat and sun. Everyone is good at reminding each other to stay hydrated. Most of us are drinking about two gallons of water a day now along with a few Gatorades.

In addition to the heat, the dust is another challenge for the helicopter guys in K-1. The wind blows most of the time here. After being here about a week we gave all three helicopters a much needed "bath." The next day we had our first big sand storm.

"Oh well, it will give us something to do



Master Sgt. Gene Demeter readies flares for a flight in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

again," commented Crew Chief Pete Alexakis, one of the "washers" from the previous day.

Despite the challenges of the elements, both locations have maintained a 100-percent alert since assuming the mission from Moody about the third week of June. The mechanics at both locations have done excellent jobs under challenging circumstances in an austere environment. They have truly stepped up to the plate and shown what the men and women of the Alaska Air National Guard are capable of doing.

The air crews have also shined in with their current mission. Dealing with the heat and the resulting lack of power has

been interesting at times but they continue to excel at what they are trained to do. In fact the very first night after the total crew was in place at both locations, we had our first save. What a way to start!

This may not be the time of year we would have preferred to be here, but we are happy to contribute in our small way to the war on terrorism. We are glad to be helping the people of Afghanistan have the opportunity at a better life.

Hopefully the next time we say, "Hot enough for ya?" we'll be on the Deshka River talking about the silvers!



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